



What is the active?

An active sentence has the <u>subject</u> doing an action (<u>verb</u>) to an <u>object</u>.

5 (the doer) V O The boy hit the ball.

What is the passive?

A passive sentence has the <u>object</u> becoming the <u>subject</u> and having the <u>action</u> (verb) done to it.

The 'doer' may not be present, but if it is, it usually has the word 'by' before it.

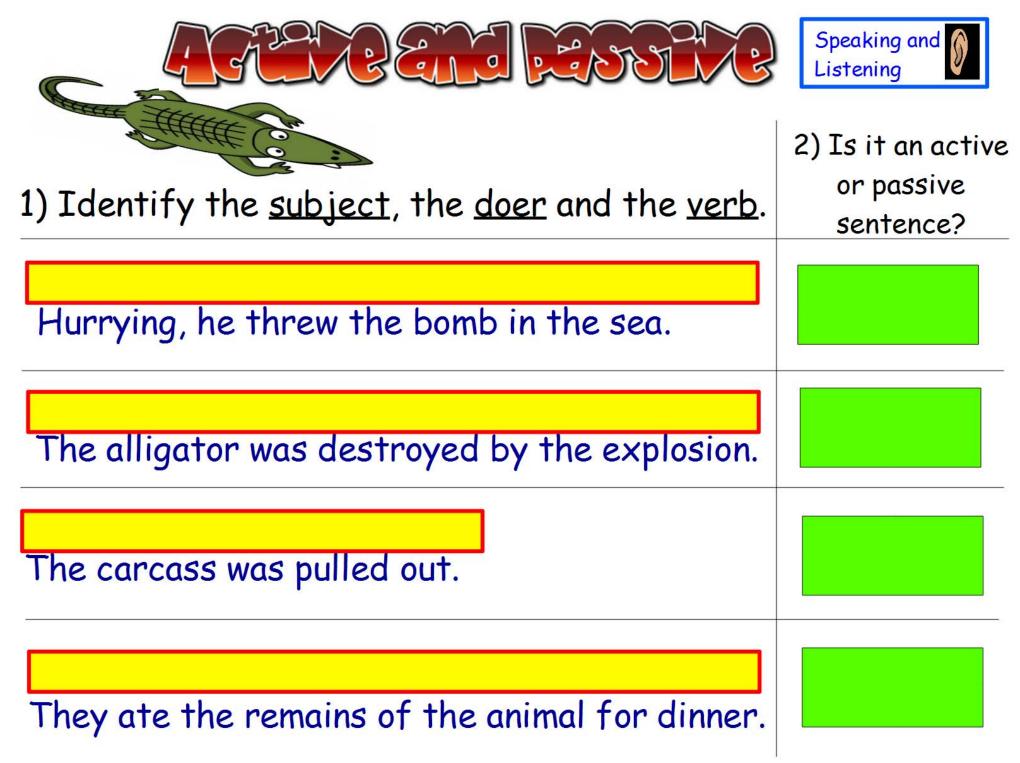
The ball was hit (by the ball).

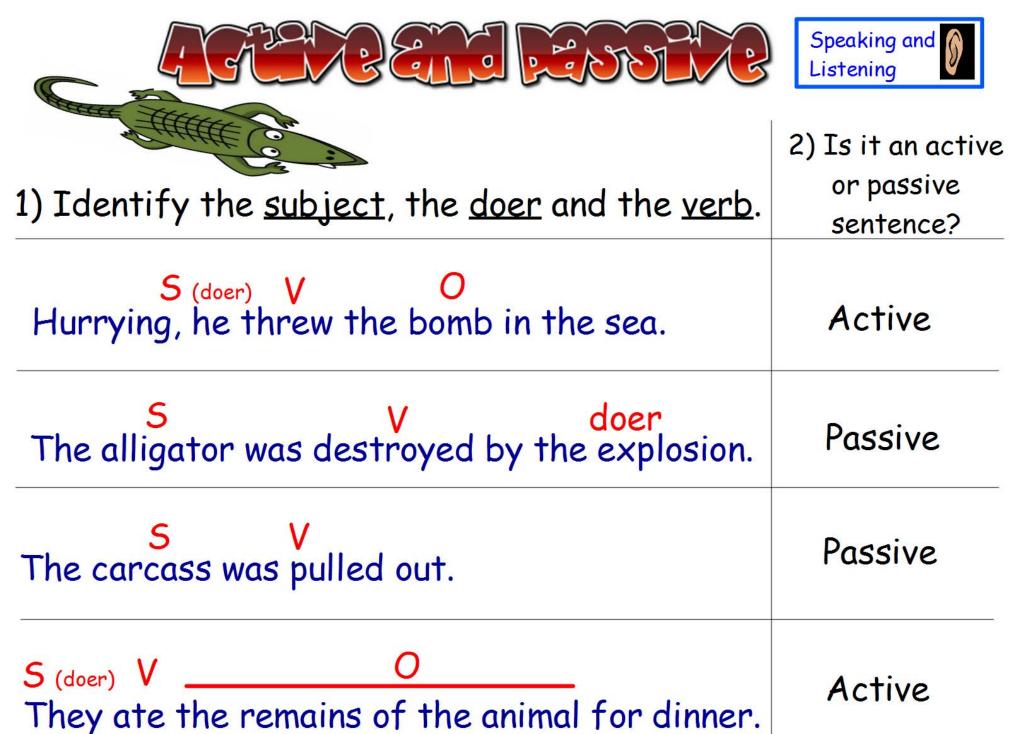


Examples of Passive •••••

Tense		Subject	Verb	Object
Simple Present	Active:	Rita₊	writes	a letter.
	Passive:	A letter	is written	by Rita.

Simple Past	Active:	Rita	wrote	a letter.	
	Passive:	A letter	was written	by Rita.	









The sentence below is written in the active voice.

The wind blew the sign over.

Which sentence is the passive form of the sentence above?

	Tick one.
The sign was blown over by the wind.	
The wind caused the sign to blow over.	
In the wind, the sign blew over.	
Because it was windy, the sign blew over.	